

PLAN TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUPPORT (PASS)

If you want to set aside money to pay for a career goal, Social Security's Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) could be a good deal. If you receive SSI and have another source of income, the PASS program allows you to save for that goal— and you can use SSI to pay for basics such as food and shelter. Income or resources that are set aside in PASS are not factored when determining eligibility for SSI.

- Countable earnings are placed into a specific bank account to purchase items or services (such as college education or training) or to achieve a specified Social Security approved work goal
- Because countable earnings are in the PASS, SSA will NOT reduce your SSI check

**REALLY COOL!** People use PASS to pay expenses for college, training, or business start-up to get jobs that pay enough to get off benefits! Although PASS is legislatively an SSI benefit, SSDI recipients can use their cash benefit to save for a Social Security approved employment goal – and subsequently become eligible for and receive a SSI cash benefit while using PASS.

Contact Iowa Work Incentives and Planning Assistance  
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Harriet creates 3-D collages of mixed media. While Harriet is working, she never knows what the work will look like in the end. Harriet lives and works with depression and fibromyalgia.

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                       | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY   |
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| <i>National Professional Social Work Month</i> | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5                               | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11<br>*Work Incentive Seminar<br>Council Bluffs  | 12                              | 13   |
| 14<br>Daylight Saving Time Begins              | 15   | 16<br>Benefits Liaison Training<br>Dubuque   | 17<br>Benefits Liaison Training<br>Dubuque<br>St. Patrick's Day | 18   | 19                              | 20<br>First Day of Spring                          |
| 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25   | 26                              | 27   |
| 28   | 29<br>*Self-Employment Seminar<br>Des Moines | 30<br>*Self-Employment Seminar<br>Des Moines | 31  | <i>Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month</i> | <i>National Nutrition Month</i> | <i>Brain Injury Awareness Week<br/>March 14-20</i> |

**I reported my earnings this month to Social Security**  
Date I reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross earnings **received** (for SSI) this month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I reported by: ☐ Phone ☐ Letter ☐ Person  
Name of the person I reported to: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross earnings **earned** (for SSDI) this month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I received a receipt: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*\* For more information call 888-409-0283 – for the seminars scheduled each month.*

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